*The Experimental Tannery.*

161. **MR. REVATI NAL RAMA VARMA RAJA** (*Edavagai*) : Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) how many years is it since the Experimental Tannery has been established ; and

(*b*) whether they are aware that tannery in India has passed the experimental stage ?

**MR. P. N. KRISHNA PILLAI** (*Secretary to Government*) : (*a*) The Experimental Tannery was established six years ago, *i. e.*, in Kumbhom 1099.

(*b*) The Government are not aware that the utilisation of all the available tanning materials has passed the experimental stage.

*Appointment of an unqualified person as clerk in the office of the Inspectress of Girls' Schools.*

162. **MR. REVATI NAL RAMA VARMA RAJA** (*Edavagai*) : Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) whether a female clerk who does not possess the minimum qualification prescribed in the Travancore Service Regulations has been appointed lately in the office of the Inspectress of Girls' Schools ;

(*b*) if so, the date of appointment ; and

(*c*) who was responsible for the appointment ?

**MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR** (*Ag. Chief Secretary to Government*) : (*a*) The answer is in the negative.

(*b*) and (*c*) These do not arise in view of answer to part (*a*).

*Payment of Kudivila by the Forest Department.*

163. **MR. D. C. JOSEPH** (*Agastisvaram*) : Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) whether adequate steps are taken by the Forest Department to pay *kudivila* to the claimants from South Travancore ;

(*b*) if so, how is it that *kudivila* is not paid in the very year in which it is due ; and

(*c*) whether a suit is pending against them in the District Court of Nagercoil for the payment of *kudivila* to Mr. Thiruvambalam Pillai, retired Engineer ?

**MR. P. N. KRISHNA PILLAI** (*Secretary to Government*) : (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) *Kudivila* becomes due only after the disposal of the logs concerned and claims thereto are investigated and settled for payment, on the claimants' producing the necessary records to substantiate their claims.

(*c*) The Government are not aware of any such suit against them.

*Smuggling of timber from the Ashambu Reserve.*

164. **MR. D. C. JOSEPH** (*Agastisvaram*) : Will the Government be pleased to state whether any steps have been taken to stop smuggling of timber from the Ashambu Reserve into the British territory ?

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